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TAGS: ETRD, US

SUBJECT:PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON STEEL

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL THE USG
INTENDS TO TABLE AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION WITH EC AND

JAPAN. TEAM LED BY DEPUTY STR WOLFF WILL ARRIVE BRUSSELS MARCH 23 FOR MEETINGS WITH DAVIGNON AND POSSIBLY OTHER EC OFFICIALS. ANOTHER TEAM EXPECTED TO HOLD TALKS IN TOKYO WEEK OF MARCH 27. PLEASE PASS COPY OF PROPOSAL ASAP TO EC AND GOJ. COPIES ALSO BEING PASSED TO EC DELEGATION AND JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

2. BEGIN TEXT. PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL STEEL ARRANGEMENT.

OBJECTIVES

A. CLARIFY THE FRAMEWORK FOR GOVERNMENT TRADE ACTIONS TO DEAL WITH STEEL PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY THOSE IMPLEMENTED DURING CRISIS PERIODS, IN ORDER TO

1. ASSURE THAT WHEN ACTIONS ARE TAKEN THEY ARE LEGITIMATE AND CONSISTENT WITH THE EXISTING GATT RULES AND THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEMS FACED WHILE DISCOURAGING ACTIONS OUTSIDE THE GATT FRAMEWORK OR THAT MAY LEAD TO ENDURING TRADE RESTRICTIONS.

2. FACILITATE INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF AND COOPERATION WITH LEGITIMATE ACTIONS.
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3. MINIMIZE DISTORTIONS TO FAIR COMPETITION AND INEQUITIES RESULTING FROM TRADE ACTIONS.

B. PROVIDE FOR CONTINUING MULTILATERAL CONSULTATION ON CONDITIONS IN THE STEEL SECTOR WITH A VIEW TOWARD PREVENTING SERIOUS SUPPLY/DEMAND IMBALANCES AND DISTORTIONS THAT LEAD TO TRADE ACTIONS.

C. REDUCE BARRIERS TO TRADE IN THE STEEL SECTOR SO AS TO ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES AMONG MAJOR STEEL PRODUCING NATIONS.

BASIC ELEMENTS

A. A PERMANENT INTERNATIONAL STEEL COMMITTEE TO:

1. COLLECT, DISSEMINATE, AND ANALYZE INFORMATION ON CONDITIONS IN THE STEEL SECTOR.

2. CONSULT ON TRADE ACTIONS BY GOVERNMENTS IN THE STEEL SECTOR.

3. CONSULT ON GOVERNMENT POLICIES THAT MAY AFFECT

CONDITIONS IN THE STEEL SECTOR.

B. GUIDELINES FOR TRADE ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER GATT ANTI-DUMPING AND SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS DURING PERIODS OF CRISIS IN THE STEEL SECTOR, INCLUDING:

1. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH STEEL SECTOR ANTIDUMPING OR SAFEGUARD ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN AND SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED.

2. NATURE OF ACTIONS THAT ARE PREFERRED.

3. COMMITMENT TO CONSULT IN INTERNATIONAL STEEL COMMITTEE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REGARDING TRADE ACTIONS TAKEN AND RELATED MEASURES.

C. COMMITMENT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO TRADE IN THE STEEL SECTOR TO ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT COMPETITIVE

OPPORTUNITIES AMONG MAJOR STEEL PRODUCING NATIONS. END TEXT. VANCE

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